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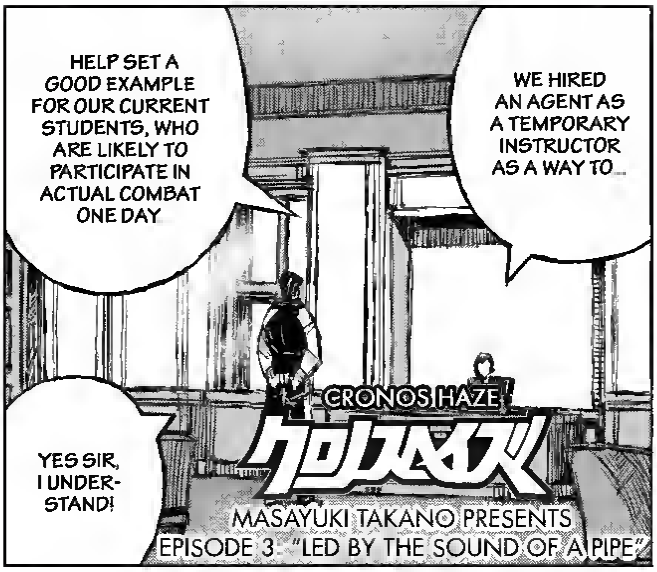
HELP SET A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR OUR CURRENT STUDENTS, WHO ARE LIKELY TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTUAL COMBAT ONE DAY
WE HIRED AN AGENT AS A TEMPORARY INSTRUCTOR AS A WAY TO...
YES SIR, I UNDER-STAND!
CRONOS HAZE
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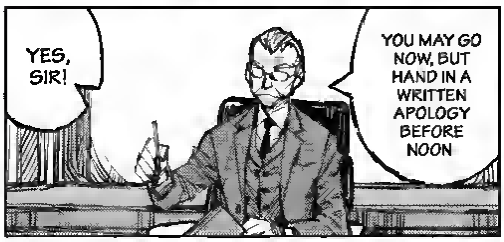
MASAYUKI TAKANO PRESENTS
EPISODE 3 "LED BY THE SOUND OF A PIPE"



YES, SIR, I UNDER-STAND!
IT'S PROBLEMATIC WHEN SOMEONE LIKE YOU CREATES THESE KINDS OF DISTURBANCES
THE MAN WITH A POMPADOUR WHO ATTACKED TOUYA WAS ACTUALLY A SPECIAL INSTRUCTOR HIRED BY AMAGIRI ACADEMY...

NARUYUKI-KUN.
YES, SIR?
AND NOW...
I'LL BE EXCUSING MYSELF, THEN!
SHUT
?
THAT SAID, YOU'VE ALSO BENEFITED FROM THIS INCIDENT, SO IT WASN'T A COMPLETE DISASTER...
AS THE PRINCIPAL OF THIS SCHOOL, I'D LIKE TO OFFER MY UTMOST APOLOGIES.
IT WAS UNFORTUNATE THAT YOU HAD TO GO THROUGH THIS.
I'M SORRY ABOUT ALL OF THIS.
EXCUSE ME.
OPEN
カチャ
THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS TO EVERY RULE.
NORMALLY, WE ADDRESS THESE MATTERS BY TESTING STUDENTS' APTITUDE AND THEN MAKING THE PROPER ADJUSTMENTS, BUT...
COME IN.

THIS IS YOUR PARTNER.
WE REFER TO THEM AS "JACKETS" HERE

TOUYA-SAN.
I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU.
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SMILE

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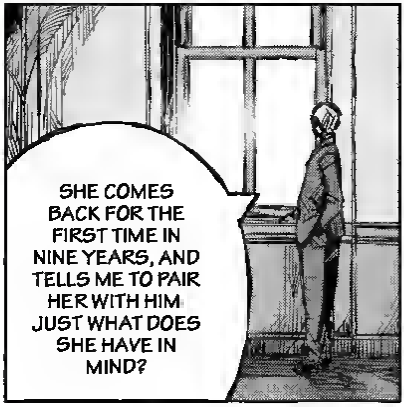
SHE COMES BACK FOR THE FIRST TIME IN NINE YEARS, AND TELLS ME TO PAIR HER WITH HIM JUST WHAT DOES SHE HAVE IN MIND?

GOODNESS GRACIOUS...

POTENTIAL, YOU SAY?
DIDN'T YOU ADMIT HER BECAUSE SHE HAS LOTS OF POTENTIAL?
AND BESIDES,
WAITING FOR TOUYA-KUN TO COME TO THIS SCHOOL...
SHE WAS WAITING FOR HIM...
JUST SO SHE COULD SEE TOUICHIROU AGAIN.
IT CAN'T BE A COINCIDENCE THAT THEY'VE COME TOGETHER.
TOUICHIROU'S SON, AND CHIKA, AND THE GIGANTES GIRL WHOM YOSHINO SAVED...
IT'D PROBABLY BE BETTER TO CALL IT A PREMONITION...
PAUSE
YOU'RE HORRIBLE, TOUYA-SAN
I KNOW HE JUST SAID YOU'RE MY PARTNER, BUT HAVE I MET YOU BEFORE?
U-UM...

TURN
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DID YOU FORGET ABOUT ME ALREADY?
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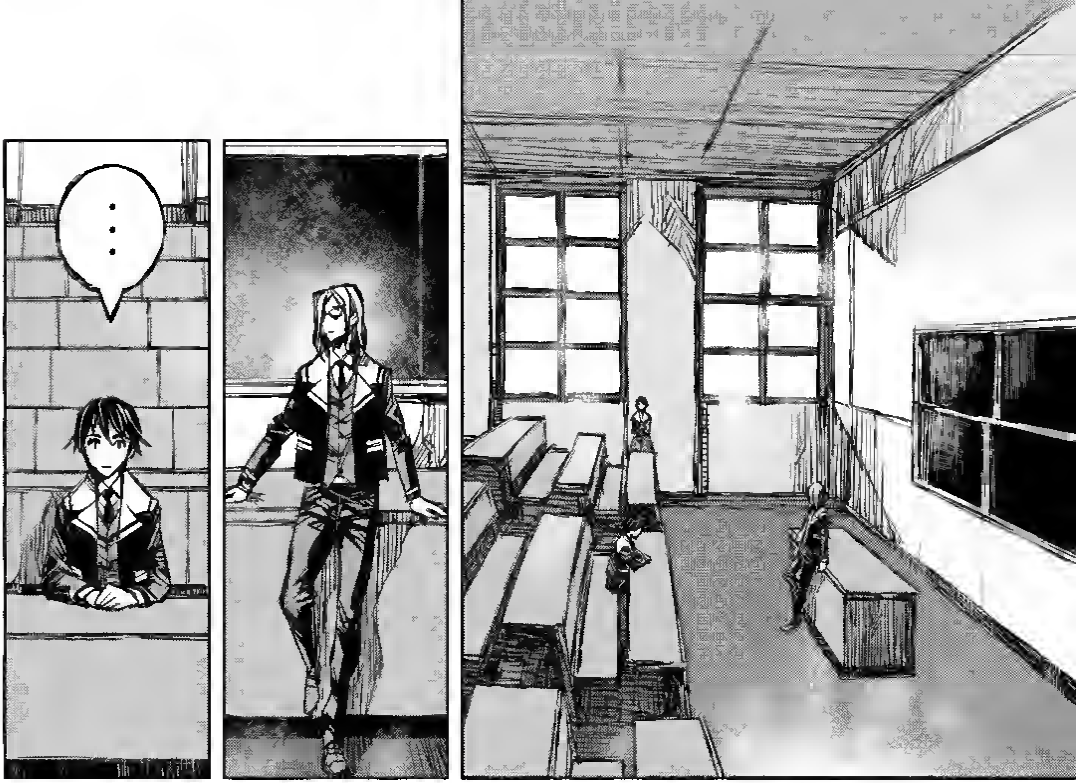
SHUU
I SUPPOSE NOW YOU'RE GOING TO GO TO ORIENTATION BY YOURSELF.
AFTER ALL, YOU DIDN'T PARTICIPATE IN YESTERDAY'S CEREMONY.
DASH
WELL, ENJOY YOUR DAY!
WHAT GOOD IS RUNNING GONNA DO?
GRAB
FINE, I'M COMING, SO LET GO OF ME!
COME ON, LET'S GO
DRAG
DRAG
DIDN'T YOU HEAR THE PRINCIPAL?
I'M YOUR PARTNER.
JUST WHO ARE YOU?!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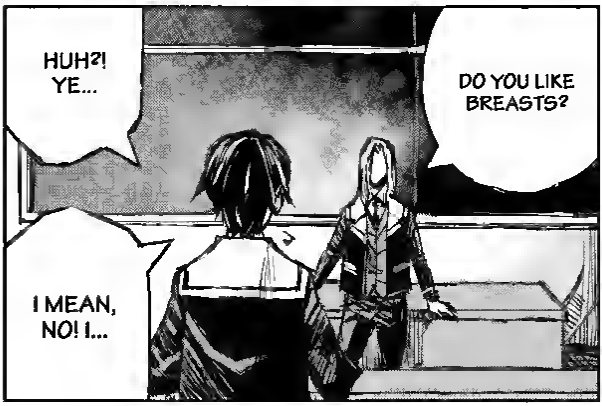
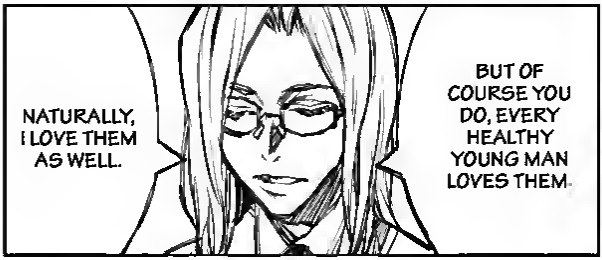

HUH?! YE...
DO YOU LIKE BREASTS?
I MEAN, NO! I...

BREASTS..


NATURALLY, I LOVE THEM AS WELL.
BUT OF COURSE YOU DO, EVERY HEALTHY YOUNG MAN LOVES THEM.

DAH

SUZUMIYA-CHAN IS GOING TO BE A BIT LATE DUE TO SOME STUDENT COUNCIL-RELATED BUSINESS.
SPEAKING OF BREASTS...
I-I SEE...
HAAH
I'M ESPECIALLY PARTIAL TO LARGE BREASTS...
WE PLACE A LOT OF IMPORTANCE ON HOW OUR STUDENTS CONDUCT THEMSELVES HERE AT THE SCHOOL, SO OUR STUDENT COUNCIL HAS A LOT TO ACCOUNT FOR.
AS YOU CAN SEE, NEW STUDENTS ARE TAUGHT HOW THINGS WORK BY OUR CURRENT STUDENTS.
I-I SUPPOSE I DO HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS...
AH, WELL, I PERFORMED A SECRET INVESTIGATION, AND FOUND THAT THEY'RE EIGHTY-EIGHT CENTIMETERS, WHICH MAKES THEM F-CUPS.
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, NOW I CAN ANSWER THEM WHILE WE WAIT FOR HER TO ARRIVE.
HUH?!
YOU WANTED TO KNOW SUZUMIYA'S BUST SIZE, RIGHT?

WAIT, THAT'S NOT WHAT I WAS GOING TO ASK ABOUT!
REALIZATION
IN-INDEED
EIGHTY-EIGHT CENTIMETER F-CUPS
HAAH
GULP
HAVING A BODY LIKE THAT IS CRIMINAL...
AND WHY DO YOU THINK THAT?
FOR STARTERS, THERE WAS A ROBOT, THE LIKES OF WHICH I'VE ONLY EVER SEEN ON TV...
AND THE GUN THE PRESIDENT HAD LOOKED LIKE, WELL, SOMETHING THAT THEY WOULD USE IN THE MILITARY!
I WAS ACTUALLY THINKING ABOUT THE FACT THAT THIS IS A RATHER UNUSUAL SCHOOL...

AH, SO YOU AREN'T ONE OF THE YOUNG MEN OR WOMEN WHO WERE DRAWN HERE BY THE PIPE...
WHERE ARE THESE DOUBTS COMING FROM?
THAT'S RIGHT, I DIDN'T NOTICE...
I DIDN'T NOTICE YESTERDAY, BUT NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THERE WERE SO MANY BIZARRE...
UHH, THAT STORY ABOUT THE CHILDREN WHO WERE LURED AWAY BY A PIPE'S SONG?
EXACTLY.
I ASSUME YOU'RE FAMILIAR WITH "THE PIED PIPER OF HAMELIN"?
PIPE, YOU SAY?
IT'S A STORY ABOUT HOW THE LIVES OF YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WERE SACRIFICED TO INSANITY AND BLIND FAITH...
IT'S SAID THAT THE LEGEND IS BASED ON THE RECRUITMENT OF YOUNG MEN FOR THE CRUSADES, WHICH WERE TAKING PLACE AT THE TIME

THE OBJECTIVE IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT, BUT IF YOU CONSIDER THE ENORMITY OF THE OPPONENT WE'RE UP AGAINST...
YOU JUST MIGHT HAVE TO ADMIT THAT OUR ACTIONS ARE THE SAME, IN THAT THEY'RE BOTH BEING FUELED BY INSANITY AND BLIND FAITH...
ARE YOU SAYING THAT'S WHAT HAPPENING TO US?
THOSE WHO CAN HEAR IT ARE FICKLE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO FIND IT DIFFICULT TO EVEN ANCHOR THEMSELVES TO THIS WORLD...
AND IT'S NOT LIKE THE SOUND OF OUR PIPE REACHES JUST ANYONE'S EARS.
ARE DIFFERENT.
YOU ALONE...
HOWEVER...

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BY THE WAY...
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FLINCH
YOU'RE GOING TO BE DISAPPOINTED BY THE ANSWERS THAT YOU RECEIVE.
IF YOU EXPRESS THE DOUBTS YOU JUST MENTIONED TO ME TO YOUR FELLOW CLASSMATES,
WALK
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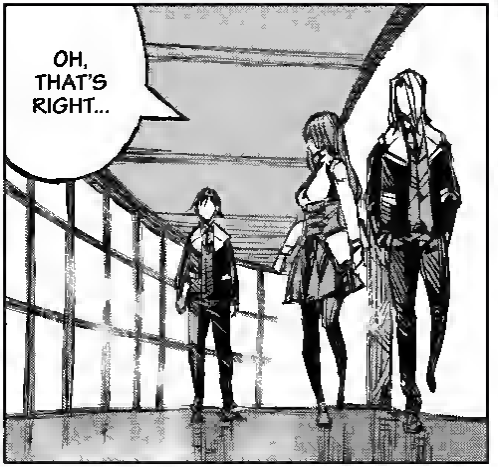
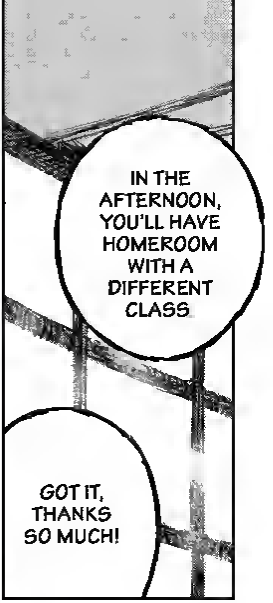
HUH?
SHE'S YOUR JACKET, ISN'T SHE?
HAVE THE KIND OF BODY YOU LIKE?
DOES SHE...

AND I'M CAPABLE OF PERFORMING ALL THESE SUPERHUMAN FEATS!
THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN, I'M WEARING THIS STRANGE OUTFIT,
IT SEEMS LIKE SHE ENTERED ME...
PANIC
PANIC
THAT'S ONE OF THE SIDE EFFECTS OF MERGING WITH A JACKET.
UM, WHAT EXACTLY ARE JACKETS, ANYWAY?!
THAT'S WHAT THE PRINCIPAL SAID.
YES...
GLANCE
A JACKET'S APPEARANCE IS ADJUSTED TO SUIT HER PARTNER.
THAT ASIDE,
WHISPER
WHISPER
I DO BELIEVE THAT A MORE VOLUPTUOUS PHYSIQUE WOULD SUIT YOU BETTER...
SHINE
AND ALSO ACT AS A SAIL THAT SENDS YOU SOARING INTO A "WORLD OF POSSIBILITIES."
THEY PRIMARILY ACT AS AN ANCHOR THAT MOORS FICKLE PEOPLE SUCH AS YOURSELF TO THIS WORLD.

GRAB
SHEESH, I CAN'T LEAVE ANYTHING TO YOU!
FOR EXAMPLE, A BUSTY, REO-HEADED BEAUTY OR—
YES...
DON'T GO FILLING THE FRESHMEN'S HEADS WITH WEIRD IDEAS!
WHAM
JUST WHAT DID YOU COME HERE FOR?!
SQUEEZE
RELAX.
HAVE YOU ALREADY LEARNED ABOUT THE CLASSES AND THE CURRICULUM?
SMILE
GOOD MORNING, NARUYUKI-KUN
NO, NOT YET...
WHAT'S WRONG, NARUYUKI-KUN?
NO, NOTHING AT ALL!
IF YOU TELL HIM ANY STUPID NONSENSE, YOU'RE GONNA GET IT
YOUR BIG SECRET IS STILL LOCKED AWAY IN MY HEART.
EIGHTY-EIGHT CENTIMETER F-CUPS.

YESTERDAY ON THE TRAIN STATION PLATFORM...


OH, THAT'S RIGHT...


IN THE AFTERNOON, YOU'LL HAVE HOMEROOM WITH A DIFFERENT CLASS.
GOT IT, THANKS SO MUCH!

SEE YOU AROUND!

IT'S NOT EASY TO STAY CALM AND TO LET A GIRL ESCAPE BEFORE YOU DO IN THAT KIND OF SITUATION...
I WAS PRETTY IMPRESSED.

YUKIHO!
TOUYA!
FLINCH
WHICH CLASS WERE YOU ASSIGNED TO?
TOUYA...
FIDGET
STARE
W-WHAT?
AWESOME!
I'M IN THE SAME CLASS!
I'M IN CLASS 3...
LET'S SEE HERE...
WHA?
IS THAT ALL?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO SIT NEXT TO ME.
IT'S FINE, IT LODKS LIKE WE CHOOSE OUR OWN SEATS AT FIRST.
CHATTER
CHATTER
...
IF SHE KNEW YOU CALLED HER "AUNTIE TOUKO," SHE'O COME FLYING DOWN HERE.
HM, I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.
TO LOOK OUT FOR YOU.
BESIDES, YOUR AUNTIE TOUKO ASKED ME...
I'VE NEVER EVEN HELO A GUN BEFORE.
YEAH, WE HAVE FIRING PRACTICE IN PE., AND I DON'T FEEL VERY CONFIDENT ABDUT IT...
HM, ISN'T THERE A CLASS WHERE YOU USE GUNS, TOO?

THAT'S ALL SHE HAS TO SAY?!
HUH?
Y-YEAH...
IF IT REALLY BELONGED TO THE SCHOOL, I WISH THEY HAD MANAGED IT MORE ATTENTIVELY!
OH!
I HEARD THE ROBOT THAT WENT BERSERK YESTERDAY WAS SUPPOSED TO BE USED FOR TRAINING!
EH, IT'S NOTHING, I'VE JUST NEVER USED A GUN BEFORE, EITHER... I'M A LITTLE WORRIED...
YOU'VE BEEN ACTING KIND OF WEIRD FOR A WHILE NOW, WHAT'S WRONG?
YOU'RE GOING TO BE DISAPPOINTED BY THE ANSWERS THAT YOU RECEIVE...
I KNOW, RIGHT?!
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AMAGIRI ACADEMY IS FULL OF MYSTERIES, AND THE GIRL FROM TOUYA'S DREAM HAS APPEARED BEFORE HIS VERY EYES. A FATEFUL ENCOUNTER ENSUES IN THE NEXT ISSUE!